

REMARKS**Group Election**

According to the Office Action, the application contains two distinct Species of the claimed invention comprising the following:

- I. S-shaped Boot. Claims 1, 13-15, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28 and 30.
- II. C-shaped Boot. Claims 16-19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29 and 31.

In response, Applicants elect Group I corresponding to claims 1, 13-15, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28 and 30.

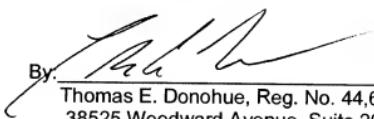
Applicants reserve the right to add the non-elected claims upon the allowance of a generic claim containing the same general inventive concept as the non-elected claims.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicants' undersigned attorney at (248) 433-7221 if any unresolved matters remain with respect to this Response.

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